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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Chairman, Project Review Committee

FROM : Assistant Director for Research and Reports

SUBJECT: Staff Study Concerning an External Research Project on Soviet Railroads

DATE: 16 JUL 1951

I. The Problem

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[REDACTED] an outstanding expert on Soviet railroads, has abstracted from Russian language books and periodicals and compiled in card files both basic and integrated information on Soviet railroads which is of direct value to ORR and which is not available through the translations issued by FDD, OO or through other government sources. The files include about 2,000 4" x 6" cards, the content of which has been reviewed by a railroad specialist in ORR. Possession of a microfilm copy of his files would aid ORR, notably the Transportation Branch, Economic Services Division, in the production of economic intelligence on the USSR.

II. Discussion

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[REDACTED] is willing to arrange his files and make them available to CIA for microfilming in August 1951, and will accept a stipend of \$400 for his services. Mailing charges for sending and returning his files would not exceed \$12.00.

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[REDACTED] would make no use of CIA materials nor of CIA premises. Microfilming would be done by CIA.

This project would be charged to Allotment No. 5701: funds are available.

III. Recommendation

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That, in view of the value of [REDACTED] files on Soviet railroads to ORR, notably the Transportation Branch, Economic Services Division, for the production of economic intelligence, CIA expend \$412.00 in vouchered funds to procure a microfilm copy of his files, the funds to be employed as follows:

a. The services performed by [REDACTED]	\$400.00
b. For mailing charges	\$ 12.00
Total	\$412.00

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